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The Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of what is taught or suggested by Panec and Huffman. As the independent claims are believed to be allowable, those areas of disagreement will not be explored as to the dependent claims.

In view of the above comments and the allowability of the independent claims, the Examiner is requested to reconsider, and withdraw the rejections to these dependent claims. In the alternative, the Examiner is requested to identify the motivation to combine and modify, and the basis in the record for those modifications and combinations.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims. The Examiner is further urged to contact the undersigned if there is any question on the claims or any other matter that would advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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